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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm a customer of a small broadband provider, which I chose because AT&T was giving me worse service for twice the price. Worse, AT&T wasn't even providing the rates they implied in their advertisements they would. If the FCC believes the free market is a tool of the consumer and protects consumers from predatory behavior, then it needs to support the ability of small providers to fight back against the practices of companies such as AT&T who limit rates without notice, charge noncompetitive rates due to near monopoly, and do not provide the service they claim to (while wording it carefully to not quite be falsely advertising). Beyond that, I believe that rising internet prices hurt poorer communities where access to information can be the difference between being trapped in a cycle of poverty and upward mobility. Similarly, many small businesses rely on the lower rates smaller and local broadband providers can offer to stay afloat. Allowing the largest companies to dictate the prices for everyone and raise them without some sort of check and balance hurts consumers, communities, and other businesses.

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